



## **Minutes Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board October 6, 2011**

Minutes of the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board recorded at 4 p.m. on October 6, 2011, within the Tempe History Museum Board Room, 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Bob McKinley, Chair  
Julie Syrmopoulos, Vice Chair  
Anne Chandler  
Angela Lopez  
Shirley McKean  
Dr. James Schoenwetter  
Gerald Woodward

**City Staff Present:**

Dr. Amy Douglass, Administrator - Tempe History Museum  
Rachael Peterson, Administrative Assistant - Library and Cultural Services  
Adrienne Richwine, Deputy Director - Library and Cultural Services

**Guest(s) Present:**

Julie Ramsey, Questers - Hayden's Ferry Chapter

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Betty Enz  
Mark Hubble

Meeting convened at 4 p.m.

Bob McKinley, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

**Agenda Item 1: Consideration of the September 1, 2011, Meeting Minutes**

- **MOTION:** Julie Syrmopoulos, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Vice Chair, moved to approve the September 1, 2011, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.
- SECOND:** Anne Chandler seconded.
- DECISION:** September 1, 2011, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Meeting Minutes approved.

**Agenda Item 2: Introduction of New Board Member - Dr. James Schoenwetter**

- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, reminded the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) members that **Dr. James Schoenwetter**, Arizona State University (ASU) Emeritus Professor within ASU's School of Human Evolution and Social Change, was appointed by Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman to serve as a member of the Museum Board at a formal Tempe City Council meeting that occurred on May 19, 2011. Dr. Douglass and Bob McKinley, Museum Board Chair,

introduced Dr. Schoenwetter to the Museum Board members, and further welcomed Dr. Schoenwetter to the meeting.

- Dr. Schoenwetter explained that he gladly accepts his appointment and is happy to serve as an advocate for the Tempe History Museum as member of the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board.

### **Agenda Item 3: Communications Report**

- No report.

### **Agenda Item 4: Update - Questers, Hayden's Ferry Chapter**

- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, introduced **Julie Ramsey, Questers Representative - Hayden's Ferry Chapter**. Douglass further welcomed J. Ramsey to the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) meeting.
- J. Ramsey presented the Museum Board members with information related to the inception of the Hayden's Ferry Chapter (Chapter) of Questers, as well as information related to the Chapter's philanthropic work at Tempe's **Petersen House**.
- J. Ramsey explained that the Chapter has raised approximately \$50,000 for the Petersen House via local, state and national grant awards. Ramsey cited the following improvements and restorations to the Petersen House:
  - **Copper Tray Restoration;**
  - **Wool Rug Restoration;**
  - **Seating Reupholstery;**
  - **Vintage Lamp Restoration;**
  - **Hardwood Flooring Restoration;**
  - **Furnishing Improvements;**
  - **Farm Item and Utensil Restoration.**
- J. Ramsey encouraged the Museum Board members to attend Hayden's Ferry Chapter Questers special events as they arise; J. Ramsey reported that the Chapter, in conjunction with Valley of the Sun Antique Dealers Association, is playing host to an **Appraisal Fair at 10 a.m. on October 29** within the **Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Avenue**. Ramsey indicated that reservations (necessary to secure appraisal time-slots) and additional information related to the event may be obtained by calling **480-350-5100**.
- Anne Chandler, Museum Board member, reported that she is a member of the Hayden's Ferry Chapter of Questers, and that she enjoys attending the Chapter's special events and discussions.
- Dr. Amy Douglass thanked J. Ramsey for her presentation.

### **Agenda Item 5: Report - Arizona Centennial Planning**

- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, reminded the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) members that the Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation, in conjunction with a City of Tempe (City) staff-member-led committee, intends to guide Tempe through its participation in **Arizona's Centennial (Centennial)** programming and events.
- Dr. Douglass announced the following confirmed Tempe-based Centennial-celebrating events specific to the City of Tempe Community Services Department:

- Sanctioned Event - **Tempe Tardeada** (Noon, Oct. 9, City of Tempe Community Center Complex Courtyard);
- **Essay Contest** (Partnership Between the Tempe History Museum and the Tempe Elementary School District No. 3);
- **Classical Revolution Phoenix** (Music Composition Competition on Jan. 14 within the Tempe History Museum Community Room);
- **Amazing Arizona, Fabulous Tempe** (Collaborative Program of the Edna Vihel Center for the Arts, the Pyle Adult Recreation Center, the Tempe History Museum, the Tempe Public Library and the Tempe Center for the Arts).
- Dr. Douglass further reminded the Museum Board members to contact her if they'd like to serve as volunteers for Tempe-based Centennial-celebrating programming and events via email message at [Amy\\_Douglass@tempe.gov](mailto:Amy_Douglass@tempe.gov).

#### **Agenda Item 6A: Report - Double Butte Cemetery Tour Event**

- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, reported that the **Double Butte Cemetery Tour Event** will occur in **March, 2012**.
- Dr. Douglass reminded the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board members that proceeds from the Double Butte Cemetery Tour Event will be shared between the Tempe Historical Society and the Tempe Oral History Program.

#### **Agenda Item 6B: Report - Public Programs**

- Shirley McKean, Public Programs Representative, reported that the following **performance** occurred within the Tempe History Museum's Community Room in September, 2011:
  - **TEDx Tempe**: A locally-organized event committed to bringing the community together for fun and stimulating dialogue.
- S. McKean reported that the following **Third Thirstday Night Café Program** occurred within the Tempe History Museum's Community Room in September, 2011:
  - **Riding the Hollywood Trail: A book about "B" Movie Westerns** by film historian, Charlie LeSueur.
- S. McKean announced the following **upcoming events** that are scheduled to occur within the Tempe History Museum's Community Room:
  - **Tempe Tardeada**: A celebration of Hispanic culture with roots in Tempe featuring historic Hispanic family albums on display (Noon, October 9);
  - **Haiti, "The Art of Recovery"**: Thomas Puleo and Mark Cruse will initiate a discussion about how Haitians are coping one year after Haiti's earthquake (October 20);
  - **Retro Spooktacular's, "Haunted Places, Nefarious Deeds and Other Oddities"**: Marshall Shore will present stories and images about Jerome and a clip from the horror movie Frogs featuring Miss Arizona 1957, Lynn Freyse, who was related to Lizzie Borden (7 p.m., October 28);
  - **Sustainability Exhibit/Film Series**: A condensed version of a recent exhibit at Arizona State University titled, "Lessons from the Hohokam: Our Future with Water" (April 7, 2012).

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**Agenda Item 6C: Report - Policy, Procedures and Accessions (P.P.A.)**

- Anne Chandler, Policy, Procedures and Accessions (P.P.A.) Representative, presented the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) members with a statistics report compiled by Josh Roffler, Curator of Collections at the Tempe History Museum (Museum), specific to deposits, acquisitions and loans in September, 2011.
- A. Chandler reported that the Museum received six current, provisional deposits in September, 2011. Chandler further noted that there were 15 acquisitions recorded in September, 2011.
- A. Chandler acknowledged the following provisional deposits:
  - ***Six (6) Photos of the Elias Rodriguez House*** donated by ***Ruben Obregon***.
- A. Chandler acknowledged the following new acquisitions:
  - ***Edward Smith's Diversity Award*** donated by ***Shelly Hicks***;
  - ***Letters written by a Tempe man serving in WWI*** donated by ***Evelyn E. Guenther***;
  - ***Photos of the Salt River Flood*** donated by ***Larry Ward***;
  - ***Arizona State University (ASU) Ephemera*** donated by ***Albert Guzman***;
  - ***Miscellaneous Tempe Documents*** donated by ***Jared Smith***;
  - ***Tempe Fire Department Photographs*** donated by ***the Tempe Fire Department***;
  - ***Tempe High School Band Uniform*** donated by ***Don Maish***;
  - ***Laird and Dines Record Book*** donated by ***Jamie Rippey***;
  - ***Congregational Church Cookbook*** donated by ***Cindy Berman***;
  - ***Photos of the Salt River Flood*** donated by ***Mary Dobstaff***;
  - ***Mitchell Park Area Property Appraisal*** donated by ***Mark Hocking***;
  - ***Rural School Yearbook*** donated by ***Cheri L. Van Horn***;
  - ***Tempe High School Photos*** donated by ***Charles W. Newton***;
  - ***Yearbooks from Arizona State Collect (ASC) and Tempe Union High School (TUHS)*** donated by ***Doris Cornett***;
  - ***Framed Image of Mrs. White and a Gentle Strength Cooperative Brochure*** donated by ***Joe Emery***.
- A. Chandler reported the following loans:
  - ***Outgoing Loan ASU090911***: Two (2) mannequins loaned to the Arizona State University (ASU) Athletic Department for display at Arizona Best Fest;
  - ***Incoming Loan JS092111***: Three (3) paintings from Joe Soto for display at Tempe Tardeada.
- A. Chandler further noted the following:
  - An item-level-inventory of the Tempe History Museum's (Museum) ***Textiles Collection*** is in progress and all textile artifacts are being photographed and locations and other information are being recorded within the Museum's computer database;
  - Storage issues with the Museum's Textiles Collection are being addressed;
  - Collections staff and volunteers continue to catalog and scan the ***Jan Young Photograph Collection***;
  - September's ***Policy and Accessions Meeting*** resulted in 15 new accessions.

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**Agenda Item 6D: Report - Tempe Historic Preservation Commission**

- Shirley McKean, **Tempe Historic Preservation Commission** Representative, reported that she attended the Tempe Historic Preservation Commission meeting that occurred on September 8, 2011.
- S. McKean stated that a public hearing will occur to discuss the **historic designation** of the **Barnes-Conway House**; S. McKean added that the Tempe Historic Preservation Commission recommends the approval of the designation.
- S. McKean further reported that a discussion occurred in regards to the **Hudson Manor Historic District designation**. McKean explained that zoning waivers were forwarded to homeowners within Hudson Manor requesting signatures to support the historical designation. McKean stated that only 25% of the zoning waivers were returned to the Tempe Historic Preservation Commission.
- S. McKean added that a discussion occurred in regards to the **formation of guidelines** for the **Borden Homes Historic District**.
- S. McKean further noted that the Tempe Historical Preservation Commission is not in favor of the removal of the **Apache Curve** to accommodate Tempe's proposed street car project because the Apache Curve is eligible for a **historic designation**.

**Agenda Item 6E: Report - Tempe Historical Society**

- No report.

**Agenda Item 6F: Report - Diversity Awareness**

- No report.

**Agenda Item 6G: Report - Oral History Program**

- Bob McKinley, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) Chair and Oral History Program representative reported that **Susan Jensen**, Oral History Program Volunteer, continues to complete pending transcriptions. McKinley stated that S. Jensen completed **18 transcriptions** within the timeframe of June through September, 2011.
- B. McKinley further reported that the Oral History Program approved the following nominees for interview:
  - **Joan Trimble;**
  - **John Trimble;**
  - **Glen Jepsen;**
  - **Betty Jane Rundle;**
  - **Gustavo Villanueva Gutierrez.**
- B. McKinley noted that background research has been conducted and prepared for the following priority interviewees:
  - **Irene Benedict;**
  - **Michelle Brooks-Totress;**
  - **MaryHelen Flanagan;**
  - **Joan Trimble;**
  - **John Trimble;**
  - **Robin Kwiatkowski.**
- B. McKinley stated that the Oral History Program has begun to review the old **master list of oral history nominees** in order to determine which names should be maintained

on the master list and which names may be removed. McKinley acknowledged the following decision-making criteria:

- **Insufficient Information** (Background and Contact);
- **Lack of Recommendation Information;**
- **Interview Refusal;**
- **Pre-existing, Filed Interview;**
- **Relative of Notable, Historic Tempe Figure.**
- B. McKinley reported that the Oral History Program has made the following determinations:
  - **32** names are to be removed from the master list due to pre-existing, filed interview;
  - **48** names are to be removed due to insufficient information;
  - **21** names are to remain on the list as potential interviewees;
  - **2** names declined interviews;
  - **4** names are to remain that require additional information prior to making a final determination about their interview status.
- B. McKinley affirmed that rigorous use of the Oral History Program's **Candidate Nomination Form** will help to avoid many of the issues faced prior to the form's adoption.
- B. McKinley announced that **Anne Chandler**, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board member, is a new member of Tempe's Oral History Program. McKinley added that A. Chandler is looking forward to learning more about the Oral History Program, and joins the following team of **Oral History Program volunteers**:
  - **Bob McKinley;**
  - **Lorraine Calbow;**
  - **Peggy Moroney;**
  - **Beth King;**
  - **Judy Lentine;**
  - **MaryHelen Flanagan;**
  - **Marilyn Moor.**

#### **Agenda Item 7 - Board Member Announcements**

- The following Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) members announced that they will not be present at the Museum Board meeting scheduled to take place at 4 p.m. on November 3 within the Tempe History Museum Board Room:
  - **Anne Chandler;**
  - **Shirley McKean;**
  - **Julie Syrmopoulos.**

#### **Agenda Item 8 - Future Agenda Items**

- No items were proposed for placement on the November 3 Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board meeting agenda.

The next meeting of the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board is scheduled to take place at 4 p.m. on November 3 within the Tempe History Museum Board Room, 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

**Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.**

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Reviewed by: Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator

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Bob McKinley, Chair  
Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board